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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of

Tadashi NAKAYAMA et al.

Group Art Unit: 2612

Application No.: 08/943,705

Examiner: A. S. Moe

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Docket No.: JAO 32445

For: AN INFORMATION PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION PROCESSING  
METHOD AND RECORDING MEDIUM FOR ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT  
INCLUDING AN ELECTRONIC CAMERA

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In reply to the June 19, 2002 Office Action, the shortened statutory period for reply being extended by the Attached Petition for Extension of Time, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of this application in view of the following remarks. Claims 1-30 are pending.

Applicants respectfully submit that all pending claims are patentable for at least the reasons set forth below.

The Office Action rejects claims 1-30 under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) over U.S. Patent 5,706,457 to Dwyer et al. in view of U.S. Patent 6,192,191 to Suga et al. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Dwyer fails to teach or suggest all of the features recited in independent claims 1, 8, 9, 10, 15, 21, 22, 23, 25, 27, 28 and 29. In particular, Dwyer fails to teach or suggest "input means for inputting information from the electronic equipment, the information including